

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A brake pedal assembly for a vehicle, comprising:
 - a dash bracket configured to be fixed to a dash panel;
 - a cowl bracket configured to be fixed to a cowl cross member;
 - a hinge supporting part formed between said dash bracket and said cowl bracket for pivotally supporting a brake pedal hinge; and
 - hinge releasing means placed between said dash bracket and said cowl bracket for releasing said hinge supporting part from a restrictive state when said dash bracket moves relatively in relation to said cowl bracket, wherein said hinge releasing means comprises:
 - two linear sliding sides formed to face each other between said dash bracket and said cowl bracket and to be inclined in relation to a moving direction of said dash bracket during a collision; and
 - a ball inserted between said two linear sliding sides for reducing friction between said two linear sliding sides.

2-3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended): The assembly as defined in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein said hinge supporting part is composed of comprises:
 - a lower side groove formed by a recess at said linear sliding side of said dash bracket; and
 - an upper side groove formed by a recess at said linear sliding side of said cowl bracket.